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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Sir:**

Prior to the examination of this application following the submission of a Request for Continuing Examination filed June 21, 2005, please amend and consider the above identified application as follows: